

MINUTES

OCTOBER 12, 2000

State Capitol, Ft. Union Room

The Education Standard and Practices Board (ESPB) meeting was called to order by chair, Doug Johnson. Board members present were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Don Haugen, Maryjane Martens, Jack Rasmussen and Mike Schatz. ESPB associates present were Deb Jensen, Diane Weber and Janet Welk. Visitors present were Joe Westby, Max Laird and Linda Edwards from NDEA, Bill Peterson from the AG's office and Gary Gronberg from DPI.

Board members absent were Randy Gordon and Bev Sandness.

A motion was made by Maryjane to approve the September minutes as written. Second by Mike. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Don Haugen, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens, Jack Rasmussen and Mike Schatz.

Discussion was held regarding the financial statement. The September financial statement showed a total revenue of \$34,721.10 total expenses \$29,340.55 with a net income of \$5,380.55. Fiscal year 2000-2001 net income was \$19,050.70. Twenty-six percent of the budget has been expended for the 2000-2001 fiscal year.

Janet informed the board of the resignation of staff associate, Bonnie Thompson. Bonnie's resignation will become effective October 20th. This position will not be filled at this present time. Janet then presented to the board a plan of staff job duty changes. To ensure ESPB's quality service, the board gave the executive director the authority to hire an ESPB staff associate when the workload increases. There was discussion among the board members of increasing their professional fee/meeting stipend of \$25 to either \$50/\$62.50.

Deb informed the group of the program approval teams that are underway in the common core special education area standards, the advanced program standards for special education as well as the specialized areas in visual impairment, deaf education, mental retardation and speech language pathology. Program approval teams are being drafted for the revisions of the vocational/technical education standards. She has had good support from Vocational Education and Department of Public, Special Education.

Deb will be attending the ASCD Learning-Focused Mentoring Institute in November. The State Board for Vocational Technical Education will take care of conference expenses thru a grant. She'll will also present information on state perspectives at the NCATE joint boards meeting on October 21 in Washington DC.

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The sessions on the professional development guidelines model were presented at the October 5-6 NCA conference. The sessions on the Professional Guidelines model were well received. Additional copies of the materials were provided to the schools.

Janet reminded the group to think about how they would like to respond to the non-testing issue dealing with Title II Report. Bill Peterson will be reviewing the rewrite of Title 15, to include ESPB administrative practices.

Doug gave a board member report. He had just returned from the National Association of Secondary School Principals. The message across the nation is the severe shortage of educators in teaching and administration.

Amy spoke to the group of her experience on achieving National Board Certification. She indicated that this achievement is the best professional development that any educator could do for him/herself. She felt that by having gone through the process, she has become a much better teacher/educator. To make North Dakota educators aware of National Board Certification and to make National Board Certification more appealing to educators, Amy recommended that the state needs to reward the educator with additional dollars for the achievement, the state needs to broaden the awareness of the great gain of professional growth for the educator and to have the state/higher education tie the certification achievement to work toward the Master's degree.

Linda Edwards reported on the North Carolina, Connecticut and Iowa comparison of comprehensive reform.

CASES

Dennis Kost

A motion was made by Mike to dismiss the case. Second by Amy. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Don Haugen, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens, Jack Rasmussen and Mike Schatz. The board felt that sufficient evidence did not exist to sustain the charges. The board is concerned with the allegations and teaching behaviors alleged in the materials that were viewed. If Mr. Kost does go back into the classroom, he needs to re-evaluate his teaching practices/methods.

Rena Osowski

A motion was made by Laura to dismiss the case. Second by Amy. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Don Haugen, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens, Jack Rasmussen and Mike Schatz. Ms Osowski is no longer teaching in North Dakota. The allegations stem from an incident that occurred in 1993 while she was employed at the Anne Carlson School in Jamestown.

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CASE ADDITIONS

Audrey Dahner

A motion was made by Don to have Ms. Dahner's provide an explanation of facts and circumstance of the offense to which she pled guilty. Second by Mike. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Don Haugen, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens, Jack Rasmussen and Mike Schatz. Bill Peterson will contact Ms. Dahner's attorney for the information. Ms. Dahner's case was brought before the board due to a criminal charge. She is currently a home economics teacher with Roosevelt Public Schools in Carson.

Alan Worrel

A motion was made by Don to contact the State's Attorney for a copy of the transcribed court records. Second by Mike. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Don Haugen, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens, Jack Rasmussen and Mike Schatz. The case will be placed on the November board agenda.

Brent Borchert

A motion was made by Laura to try again to locate Mr. Borchert to surrender his license. Second by Don. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Don Haugen, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens, Jack Rasmussen and Mike Schatz.

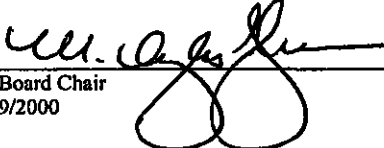
Kathy Dollinger

A motion was made by Maryjane to issue a provisional, T/I license. Second by Jack. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Don Haugen, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens, Jack Rasmussen and Mike Schatz. Ms. Dollinger's license request was brought before the board due to her background check. Ms. Dollinger is employed at the Valley City Area Vo-Tech Center where she is employed as a commercial art instructor.

Debbie Larson

A motion was made by Laura to issue an interim, one-year emergency license. Second by Mike. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Don Haugen, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens, Jack Rasmussen and Mike Schatz. Ms. Larsen's license request was before the board due to her background check, number of offenses and short time period when the offenses occurred. She is employed at the SE Area Vocational Technical Center as a vocational marketing education instructor.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45. The next board meeting will be November 9th at the Kelly Inn in Bismarck.


Board Chair
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Secretary/Executive Director